AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Two replacement drawing sheets are attached. The replacement drawing sheets include Figures 1A and 1B. The two replacement sheets replace all prior Figure 1's and drawing sheets including Figure 1 in this application. Figures 1A and 1B are different from Figure 1 in that neither includes the reference numeral --33--.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested in view of the amendments made herein and the following remarks.

An issue is raised with regard to reference numeral "33" in the drawings. The reference numeral "33" is not included in the replacement drawings Figures 1A and 1B, thereby addressing that issue.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that Claims 5 and 8 contain allowable subject matter. Those Claims are generally rewritten in independent form as new Claims 19 and 20, and Claims 5 and 8 are canceled. Thus, Claims 1-20 are pending, with Claims 1 and 19-20 being independent.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0114765 to Lia et al., hereinafter *Lia*. Claims 1, 2, 6 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,108,310 to Aldridge et al., hereinafter *Aldridge*. Claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,416,287 to Reister, hereinafter *Reister*. Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lia*. Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lia*. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Aldridge*.

Figure 1A, replacing Figure 1, of the present application shows an exploded view of an embodiment. There is a measuring cell 1, a blood pressure measuring apparatus 5, a pressure regulating device in the form of a release valve 8, and a scoop 7, that are attached together as shown in the Figure 1A. The blood pressure

measuring apparatus 5 is attached to a pressure generating device that is a pump ball 6 and the scoop 7. As shown in Figures 1A, 1B, and 2, the holder 5 is formed as a cruciform support element that comprises four connector ends 9, 10, 11 and 12. Paragraph [00032] of the present application describes that it is possible to attach the operating unit 4 to the measuring cell 1 in various predetermined positions. A first position is shown in Figure 1A, and a second position is shown in Figure 1B. For example, in the second position the operating unit 4 is turned by 180 degrees.

Along those lines, Claim 1 is amended to additionally recite, among other features, that the hand-operated blood pressure measuring apparatus can be attached to a sleeve via a connector end. The measuring cell and the operating cell and the operating unit are connected to each other by a removable connecting element. The measuring cell and the operating unit can be connected to each other in at least two different predetermined positions with respect to each other.

Lia describes a blood pressure measuring apparatus comprising a gage 30 that is directly connected to a sleeve 38. The sleeve 38 is made from a pair of sleeve portions 44 including a socket 62 (see paragraphs [0025-0026] in *Lia*). The pressure in *Lia* is created and controlled in the pneumatic assembly 20, 21, 27 that is connected to a terminal end 86, 87, 88 of the sleeve 38 via a hose 19. The gage 30 is connected with the interior of the sleeve 38 such that the air can be supplied to the sleeve 38 via the hose 19, the terminal ends 86, 87, 88, opening 66, and to the interior of the gage 30, via opening 68. Thus, *Lia* discloses that the operating unit 20, 21, 27 is connected to the sleeve 38 and that the gage 30 is directly connected to the sleeve 38.

Claim 1 is allowable over *Lia* because it recites, among other features, that the hand-operated blood pressure measuring apparatus can be attached to a sleeve ***via a connector end***, wherein the measuring cell and the operating unit are connected to each other by a removable connecting element, and where the measuring cell and the operating unit can be connected to each other in at least two different predetermined positions with respect to each other. That subject matter is not disclosed by *Lia*.

Aldridge describes a blood pressure testing kit. Figure 3 of *Aldridge* shows a blood pressure testing kit where an operating unit is connected to a sleeve 23 via a hose 26. The gage 10, 13 can also be connected to the sleeve 23 via a hose 27 and coupling elements 12, 28.

Claim 1 is allowable over *Aldridge* because it recites, among other features, that a hand-operated blood pressure measuring apparatus can be attached to a sleeve via a connector end, wherein the measuring cell and the operating unit are connected to each other by a removable connecting element, and where the measuring cell and the operating unit can be connected to each other in at least two different predetermined positions with respect to each other. That subject matter is not disclosed by *Aldridge*.

Reister describes a discharge valve for a blood pressure measuring device.

Claim 1 is allowable over *Reister* because it recites, among other features, a measuring cell and a hand-operated operating unit. That subject matter is not discloses in *Reister* because *Reister* only disclses a discharge valve.

Claims 18 and 19 are allowable Claims 5 and 8 rewritten in independent form, and should be allowed.

Claims 2-17 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence upon allowable independent Claim 1.

For the reasons stated above, it is requested that all the rejections and objections be withdrawn and that this application be allowed in a timely manner.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner feel that a teleconference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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